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R 181100Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY MASERU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8555
INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE
AMEMBASSY MBABANE
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMCONSUL DURBAN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, LT, SF (TRANSKEI)
SUBJECT: GOL REACTION TO TRANSKEI'S BREAKING OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

1. GOL HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING ITS STANCE
VIS-A-VIS TRANSKEI'S LATEST MOVE OF BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH SOUTH AFRICA: QTE LESOTHO WILL CONTINUE NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE
SO-CALLED INDEPENDENCE OF THE TRANSKEI, IN SPITE OF THE SO-CALLED
SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRETORIA. TO US THE
TRANSKEI CONTINUES TO BE PART OF SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF
PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES, LESOTHO IS WATCHING THE SITUTATION WITH
GREAT INTEREST. UNQTE. THIS SAME ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CARRIED ON
AT LEAST THREE NEWS BROADCASTS OVER RADIO LESOTHO.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT GOL FONMIN INTENDS
TO CALL TOGETHER ALL RESIDENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ACCREDITED
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AMBASSADORS IN ORDER TO BRIEF THEM ON THIS ISSUE. NO DATE HAS
BEEN SET. WE QUESTION WHETHER THIS WILL, IN FACT, TAKE PLACE.
POST WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.

3. COMMENT. GOL APPEARS TO BE WORKING ON THE COMMONLY HELD
ASSUMPTION THAT THIS IS MATANZIMA'S LATEST EFFORT TO ACHIEVE
RECOGNITION. MOST GOL OFFICIALS FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT

MATANZIMA HAS HAD A CHANGE OF HEART REGARDING SAG, BUT THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT REFLECTS THAT GOL IS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WITH A MORE OPEN MIND THAN IS USUAL ON TRANSKEI ISSUES. GOL OFFICIALS ARE BAFFLED AND AT A LOSS TO PREDICT NEXT MOVES BY EITHER SAG OR TRANSKEI. DESPITE REPORTED DEPT. STATEMENT ON NON-RECOGNITION, SOME CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED THAT U.S. OR U.K. WOULD NOW RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: POST WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF REPORTED STATEMENT BY DEPT. ON NON-RECOGNITION OF TRANSKEI. STATEMENT PRESUMABLY CARRIED ON WIRELESS FILE BUT POST'S WIRELESS FILE HAS BEEN INOPERATIVE SINCE EARLY JANUARY. STOKES

NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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